information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SETTING UP OF FAST FOOD OUTLETS BY MACDONALD

3146. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved in principle the entry of the multi-national MacDonald of USA into India, for setting up fast food outlets ;

(b) whether Government would re-consider the decision in the context that India needs more overseas investment only in core industrial sector and high technology sector and not on Burgers and Colas ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that MacDonald venture involves breeding and slaughter of animals for human consumption hereby requiring grains and pulses diverted for feeding animals, and thus making these items scarce for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of the House on 24th July, 1991 permits foreign direct Investment in high priority industries as also in other sectors. Over 80 per cent of the foreign direct investment approved in the post-policy period is in high priority sectors.

(c) It is expected that M/s. McDonald's venture in India may *inter alia*, also stimulate the introduction of new farming/dairy techniques and widen the geographic areas of production to meet increased demand for agricultural/dairy products.

INDUSTRIES CLOSED IN MADHYA PRADESH

3147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of industries closed in Madhya Pradesh during last three years, District-wise and in the current year ;

(b) what is the number of industries referred to the Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction ; and

(c) what is the number out of them which have been rehabilitated so far by BIFR and details of compensations paid to the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SALE OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNITS

3148. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recommended the sale of Public Sector Units having no significant social obligations and also for direct participation by the Private Sector in the disinvestment proceeding besides the participation by the foreign investors ;

(b) if so, what are the implications involved ; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?